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(54) **A system for fixing a flexible pipe, particularly a pipe for the brake fluid of a motor vehicle**

(57) The flexible end part of a brake pipe (2) of a motor vehicle is supported on a bracket (3) shaped as a fork (6) held firmly to an element of the motor vehicle; the pipe (2) is covered by a protective sleeve (14) capable of being inserted through a partially open opening (11) in a seat (10) of the fork (6); the sleeve (14), fitted to the pipe (2), is held in the seat (10) by an elastic fastener (16) stretched elastically to close the opening (11) between the free ends of two arms (8, 9) of the fork (6); the fastener (16) is provided at its ends, (16a, 16b) with engagement members (17), one (17a) of which is inserted firmly with play into a through-hole (18) formed at the end (8a) of the arm (8), while the other engagement member (17b) can be snap-engaged in a support seat (9) formed at the end (9a) of the arm (9); advantages: closing the fastener (16) ensures that the sleeves (14) and the pipe (2) are fitted correctly in the seat (10); the fastener (16) prevents the pipe (2) from accidentally slipping out of the bracket (3).

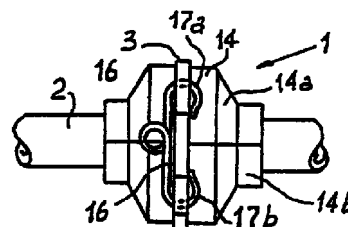


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